

CLEAN ENERGY WEEK

2017

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

**A Proclamation**

WHEREAS, North Carolina boasts clean and readily abundant forms of energy across the State that power more homes and businesses than ever before; and

WHEREAS, clean energy is driving the United States' energy future and fosters economic growth<sup>1</sup>; and

WHEREAS, clean energy includes energy generated from wind, solar, hydropower, biomass, and geothermal sources and energy saved because of energy efficiency policies and programs; and

WHEREAS, North Carolina is ranked second in the nation in installed solar capacity and has more than 7,000 megawatts of installed renewable energy capacity;<sup>2</sup> and

WHEREAS, the clean energy sector is a growing part of North Carolina's robust economy and includes more than 34,000 full-time employees, a 31% increase since 2015;<sup>3</sup> and

WHEREAS, North Carolina's clean energy jobs grow local economies and boost economic development in rural and urban communities; and

WHEREAS, State government must collaborate with North Carolina entrepreneurs and small businesses to assert U.S. leadership and dominance in the global clean energy marketplace and to assure low-cost reliable energy here at home; and

WHEREAS, National Clean Energy Week, which runs from September 25 – 29, 2017, provides an opportunity for individuals, local governments, corporations, and other organizations in North Carolina to champion common-sense solutions that address the United States' 21<sup>st</sup> century economic and energy needs;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ROY COOPER Governor of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 25 – 29, 2017, as "Clean Energy Week" for North Carolina.

[Signature]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this \_\_\_\_\_ of September in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and forty-first.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.forbes.com/sites/mindylubber/2016/06/30/clean-energy-driving-economic-growth-in-states/#7c36c1461b4a>

<sup>2</sup> <https://energync.org/>

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